अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होते हों, इन मामलों पर गौर किया जाता है।

(ग) और (घ) : के. वी. आई. सी. अपनी कार्यान्वयनकारी एजेंसियों नामत : राज्य के के. वी. आई. बोर्डों और सीधे सहायता प्राप्त संस्थाओं के साथ ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कार्य के अवसर प्रदान करता है जहां अन्यथा इस प्रकार के अवसर उपलब्ध नहीं हो सकते हैं। खादी कारीगरों अर्थात् कताईकारों और बुनकरों को आय मौजूदा कोसट चार्ट मैकेनिज्म में निर्धारित की गई है। यह आय उनकी उत्पादकता पर निर्भर करती है। प्रति लच्छी कताई की दर 0.75रु. से 0.85 रु. तक होती है जबकि बुनाई की दर प्रति मीटर 2.56 रु. से 4.80 रु. तक होती है। नये माडल के चर्खे का प्रयोग करके एक कताईकार एक दिन में अधिकतम 20 लच्छियों की कताई कर सकता है और प्रतिदिन 12 रु. से 20.रु. तक कमा सकता है। किन्तु कापी महिला श्रमिक जो बूढ़ी और कमजोर होती हैं रम्परागत चर्खों का प्रयोग करती है जिसमें उत्पादकता कम होती है। के. वी. आई. क्षेत्र में कारीगर अपनी सुविधा के अनुसार कार्य करते हैं और उनकी आय हर उद्योग में अलग-अलग होती है जो उनकीकार्य कुशलता, विपणन की क्षमता आदि पर निर्भर करती है।

सरकार पूंजी उपलब्ध करा कर, उत्पादकता में सुधार करने के लिए अनुसंधान तथा विकास प्रयासों हेतु निधियां उपलब्ध कराके और के.वी आई उत्पादों की बिक्री योग्यता में सुधार करके के. वी. आई. क्षेत्र के कारीगरों की आय में वृद्धि करने के निरन्तर प्रयास कर रही है।

Merger of ABB Subsidiaries

461. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that ABB has proposed to merge its Indian subsidiaries; and

(b) if so, what are the implications involved and what is the reaction of Government with regard to the merger of ABB subsidiaries in this country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) It is presumed that the abbreviation 'ABB' refers to 'Asea Brown Boveri Ltd.'. An amalgamation/ merger requires approval of the Court under Sections 391/394 of the Companies Act, 1956 and the Court is required to give notice of such application to the Central Government for making representation, if any, under Section 394A of the Act. No such notice has been served on the Central Government by the Court.

(b) Does not arise.

Purchase from Khadi Gramodyog

462. SHRI GAYA SINGH :

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the "Nav Bharat Times", Delhi of 5th April, 1993 regarding purchases from Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) KVIC have informed that the news item is not based on full facts and the same was brought to the notice of the Editor, Nav Bharat Times by the General Manager, Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi vide his letter dated

10-4-1993. KVIC have also stated that all the bills mentioned in the report of the Newspaper have been properly accounted for.

(c) Does not arise.

Cement Production

463. SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what has been cement production installed capacity during the last three years, year-wise both in the public sector and private sector;

(b) what has been the cost per bag of cement during this period as per the estimate of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, year-wise;

(c) what has been the average price per bag of cement during this period, year-wise; and

(d) whether there is any recession in cement industry, if so, the reasons thereof and steps taken thereen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :

(a) The information in respect of large size cement plants is as under :—

Year	Installed Capacity (in million tonnes)	
	Public Sector	Private Sector
1990-91	9.58	49.44
1991-92	9.58	51.76
1992-93	9.58	53.72

(b) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has not undertaken any cost study of the cement sector since the decontrol of cement distribution and prices in March, 1989.

(c) Cement prices vary at different places on account of the interplay of market forces, infrastructural support and transportation distances. A statement is enclosed giving average price range of price during this period for the four metropolitan centres. (See below)

(d) The actual production of cement during 1992-93 was below the target which was mainly due to general recessionary conditions and inadequate infrastructural support. Government is constantly reviewing the position so as to maximise infrastructural support such as supply of coal and provision of railway wagons. The industry has also been de-licensed.